

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 MONDAY, JULY 31, 1995 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

\*\*\* SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE, EVERY TIME \*\*\*

Current Situation: Fire activity increased in most areas of the western U.S. over the weekend due to extremely hot and dry conditions coupled with strong thunderstorms. A Type I and Type II Incident Management Team was committed in the Rocky Mountain Area yesterday. Very high to extreme fire indices prevail in the Southwest, Rocky Mountain, Great Basin and South Zone areas. Resource mobilization through NICC remained steady.

Southwest Area Large Fires:

SHOVEL, Coronado NF. The fire is now threatening numerous communication towers and facilities, a DOD radar station and University of Arizona Astro-Physical site valued at several million dollars. The fire has also moved south into Romero Canyon.

GREEN, Coronado NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Moore) is committed. General Hitchcock campground and summer homes nearby remain threatened. Fire is burning in decadent Manzanita and Oak-Chaparral.

HB, Gila NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lee) is committed. Fire experienced unfavorable winds causing torching and spotting towards the fire line on the west side. The fire spread is toward Pinyon-Juniper stands and is expected to slow when it reaches that fuel type. Heavy timber fuels hinder line construction and mop up.

NEW WATER, Phoenix District, BLM. The fire is burning in a Joshua tree forest in Mohave County.

BEAR JAW, Coconino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bedlion) is committed. The fire continues to burn in a critical Mexican Owl habitat and is moving toward the city of Flagstaffs' municipal watershed. The fire is burning in heavy fuels and steep terrain. Increased humidities in the afternoon moderated fire activity and allowed firefighters to make good progress on line construction.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST	EST
			CTN	CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
SHOVEL	CNF	AZ	1,070	50	UNK	384	14	10	4	0	UNK	626K
GREEN	CNF	AZ	190	70	8/01	72	2	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
HB	GNF	NM	3,675	0	8/02	332	11	7	1	0	580K	380K
NEW WATER	PHD	AZ	200	0	UNK	20	1	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
BEAR JAW	COF	AZ	800	60	8/02	558	20	3	3	0	20K	590K
BLACK MESA	NAO	AZ	200	NO REPORT								
SQUAW	TNF	AZ	250	20	UNK	60	2	6	0	0	UNK	UNK
BLACK	TNF	AZ	150	100		20	1	0	0	0	UNK	UNK

NAO = Navajo Agency, BIA

TNF = Tonto NF

Rocky Mountain Area Large Fires:

TRIANGLE, Moab District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is committed. This fire is being managed in the Rocky Mountain Area by Grand Junction District BLM. Numerous isolated ranches are currently threatened

with at least one structure lost. Record breaking temperatures have hampered control efforts. The fire is burning in Pinyon-Juniper and cheatgrass with mixed brush. One mile of line has been constructed.

MITCHELL, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Watters) is committed, this team will also manage the Lands End and other fires in the Blackridge Wilderness Study Area. The fire is burning in grass, sage, and Pinyon-Juniper west of Colorado Highway 139 at the base of the Book Cliffs. The fire is threatening critical winter range.

DINOSAUR, Craig District, BLM. The fire is in direct suppression strategy, with low impact suppression techniques being applied in the Wilderness Study Area. Fire behavior was significant on 7/29 with a rate of spread of 80 to 100 chains per hour in dry Pinyon-Juniper and grass fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
TRIANGLE	MOD	UT	3,500	0	8/04	5	0	7	1	UNK	UNK	UNK
MITCHELL	GJD	CO	1,500	40	8/01	3	1	3	0	UNK	UNK	UNK
DINOSAUR	CRD	CO	500	70	7/31	86	3	4	0	UNK	40K	33K

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

TWIN BUTTE, Boise District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is committed. Good progress made today on the line. Fire behavior is expected to pickup with warmer temperatures.

STANSBURY ISLAND, Salt Lake District, BLM. Fire behavior was less active today due to cooler temperatures and less wind.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
TWIN BUTTE	BOD	ID	29,300	75	8/01	165	0	24	3	3	250K	300K
HOPPER GULCH	SHD	ID	2,000	100	7/30	29	0	8	0	0	130K	37K
STANSBURY IS	SLD	UT	4,840	99	7/28	115	4	2	2	0	176K	500K
TUANA CPLX	BOD	ID	100,000	70	7/31	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
WALCOTT	SHD	ID	4,000	60	7/30	30	0	6	0	0	90K	29K
WHITE ROCKS	UOA	UT	150	50	7/30	66	0	15	1	0	UNK	UNK
BLACK BEARD	UTS	UT	2,000	100	UNK	0	0	5	0	0	UNK	UNK
DEADMAN GUL	BOD	ID	1,000	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK	UNK

SHD = Shoshone District, BLM UOA = Uinta & Ouray Agency, BIA

UTS = Utah State

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

McGILL, Ely District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Butler) is committed. Forecasted high winds did not materialize and burnout operations were successful. Abandoned mine shafts and steep, rocky terrain are posing safety hazards.

BUFFALO, Battle Mountain District, BLM. High winds hampered control efforts, but crews still made good progress. Plans are to work through the night, taking advantage of lower temperatures and higher humidities.

PILOT, Elko District, BLM. Threats are to critical deer and elk winter range.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
McGILL	ELD	NV	300	65	7/30	163	8	11	1	0	UNK	UNK
BUFFALO	BMD	NV	3,000	70	7/31	153	6	8	2	0	UNK	UNK
PILOT	EKD	NV	500	10	8/02	185	6	6	2	0	UNK	UNK
GEIGER	CCD	NV	200	100	7/30	24	1	1	0	0	UNK	UNK
BLUFF CREEK	EKD	NV	200	75	7/31	4	0	1	0	0	UNK	UNK

South Zone California Large Fires:

FOREST GATE, San Diego Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is burning on State and BLM lands and has crossed the border into Mexico.

LOPEZ, Kern County. The fire burned actively threatening structures in Oak Creek Canyon.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
FOREST GATE	MVU	CA	1,620	80	7/30	375	21	27	4	0	UNK	UNK
LOPEZ	KRN	CA	1,800	10	UNK	373	16	14	2	0	UNK	UNK
CHURCH	MVU	CA	175	100		74	8	18	0	0	20K	UNK
RIBBONWOOD	MVU	CA	100	75	7/30	64	4	11	0	0	UNK	UNK
ASHURST	BEU	CA	463	0	UNK	127	5	10	1	0	UNK	UNK
PEACE	LAC	CA	No report									

BEU = San Benito-Monterey R.U. California State

LAC = Los Angeles County

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

WEST PRYOR, Crow Agency, BIA. This lightning caused fire is burning in mixed sagebrush, grass and timber west of the Agency boundary on private and BLM land. Current threats are to livestock and private pasture lands.

INDIAN CREEK, Miles City District, BLM. This lightning caused fire made a major run as a frontal system passed.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
WEST PRYOR	CRA	MT	300	75	8/02	66	2	5	1			4K
INDIAN CREEK	MCD	MT	1,700	75	7/30	109	4	4	1	0	24K	UNK

Northwest Area Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
SWITCHBACK	WNF	OR	1056	100		338	10	16	1	1	2M	168K
NEWBERRY	DEF	OR	200	100		340	13	5	3	0	50K	415K
BATTLE CREEK	VAD	OR	10,000	100		25	0	6	0	0	248K	12K

WNF = Winema NF

DEF = Deschutes NF

VAD = Vale District, BLM

Outlook: A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND HIGH TEMPERATURES. A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ARIZONA FOR ALL ZONES FOR DRY LIGHTNING. High pressure over the Four Corners area will continue to move moisture into New Mexico, Arizona, southern Nevada and southern Utah today resulting in afternoon thunderstorms. Southern California will continue to experience a warm moist afternoon again today, which will support thunderstorm activity there.

Thunderstorms will linger behind a cold front from southeast Wyoming to southern Colorado. The remainder of the West will remain stable with decreasing winds, cool temperatures and fair skies. Initial attack and large fire activity is expected to continue with warnings and watches remaining in the forecast.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			1		2		3
NORTHWEST		4				1	5
CA-NORTHERN	2				31	3	36
CA-SOUTHERN					34	2	36
NORTHERN	2	4			6	19	31
GB-EASTERN	1	38			8	43	90
GB-WESTERN		3				2	5
SOUTHWEST	5	3		1	13	48	70
ROCKY MTN	2	49			7	12	70
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	12	101	1	1	101	130	346

\* No report.

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		460	20		701		1,181
NORTHWEST		180				3	183
CA-NORTHERN	0				103	0	103
CA-SOUTHERN					406	20	426
NORTHERN	300	204			7	49	560
GB-EASTERN	150	116,803			2,039	17	119,009
GB-WESTERN		52				0	52
SOUTHWEST	34	230		6	421	4,235	4,926
ROCKY MTN	0	6,415			30	233	6,678
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	484	124,344	20	6	3,707	4,557	133,118

\* No report.

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	30		37		9				80	3
CA-NORTHERN	2		6		1					
CA-SOUTHERN	4	53	10	70	4	3	7	2	9	95
NORTHERN	4	1	16	1	2					
GB-EASTERN	9		93	10	19		2		103	10
GB-WESTERN	8	24	29	1	6		1		43	6
SOUTHWEST	43		41		16		7		*	
ROCKY MTN	14		51		5					
EASTERN										*
SOUTHERN										
USA	114	78	283	82	62	3	17	2	247	114

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

\* No report.

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	3	25	12	4	304	6	354
NORTHWEST	134	158	1	20	885	541	1,739
CA-NORTHERN	17	21		14	732	364	1,139
CA-SOUTHERN	7	54		11	1,395	277	1,744
NORTHERN	143	45	3	5	194	285	675
GB-EASTERN	23	233		8	155	332	751
GB-WESTERN		152			25	60	237
SOUTHWEST	1,323	199	8	108	1,128	1,215	3,981
ROCKY MTN	291	199		26	437	148	1,101
EASTERN	343			69	13,794	541	14,747
SOUTHERN	10		51	88	25,786	869	26,804
USA	2,294	1,086	75	353	44,826	4,638	53,272
5 YEAR AVERAGE							46,508

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	90	8,739	3,633	1,595	11,195	1	25,253
NORTHWEST	489	25,462	2,000	5	1,703	1,431	31,092
CA-NORTHERN	20	447		35	3,634	77	4,213
CA-SOUTHERN	110	6,509		16	42,900	7,368	56,903
NORTHERN	2,221	1,308	203	3	337	601	4,673
GB-EASTERN	206	214,118		202	18,499	2,191	235,216
GB-WESTERN		31,239			2,390	75	33,704
SOUTHWEST	46,057	59,307	403	10,973	69,981	56,522	243,243
ROCKY MTN	4,057	7,373		164	699	7,548	19,811
EASTERN	5,322			1,118	158,908	14,263	179,611
SOUTHERN	11		15,981	13,414	288,818	31,750	349,974
USA	58,583	354,504	22,220	27,525	599,034	121,827	1,183,693
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,701,763

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	1,118
YUKON TERRITORY	1	139
ALBERTA	0	677
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	158
SASKATCHEWAN	1	603
MANITOBA	3	101
ONTARIO	9	12
QUEBEC	3	0
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0
TOTALS	17	114

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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